

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Arainah Adel Walkenhorst, a cherished resident of St. Charles, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Second Birthday on December 3, 2004; and

**Whereas**, on December 3, 1902, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Arainah, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Arainah Walkenhorst will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as attending Benton Elementary School and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School; being married to the man of her dreams, Henry Herman Walkenhorst, for forty-one years; and giving birth to their offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Arainah Walkenhorst with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include five children, nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and eleven great-great-grandchildren, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into her life; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Arainah Walkenhorst further distinguished herself by working at a shoe factory located at Fourth and Jackson in St. Charles; and

**Whereas**, Arainah Walkenhorst has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include gardening and sewing; and

**Whereas**, at the truly incredible age of 102, Arainah Walkenhorst is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Arainah Walkenhorst at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Arainah Adel Walkenhorst, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Dempsey  
District No. 18

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4550, adopted November 30, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker